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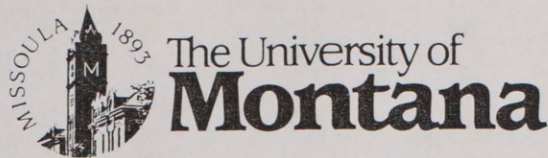
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UM PARK-N-RIDE SHUTTLE SERVICE A SUCCESS

MISSOULA—

A University of Montana Park-N-Ride shuttle runs from East Broadway every 15 minutes to UM's Adams Center, making a stop at the Mountain Line bus stop at the base of the Rattlesnake.

The shuttle originates at a lot just east of the MonTEC building, located at 1121 E. Broadway.

And the best part: The shuttle is free.

Officially known as the North Park-N-Ride, the shuttle service began at the end of August last year. The lot was not fully finished until early December and new signs were just recently put up at the site. But that didn't stop people from using the service.

As of this month, the North Park-N-Ride shuttle has given rides to more than 10,000 people, and projected figures for rides during its first year of service are at 14,000.

Daily riders have increased from 23 on its first day of service to 143 on its largest day of service.

UM's South Park-N-Ride shuttle service runs every 10 minutes from the Dornblaser lots, located at the corner of South and Higgins avenues and just north of Lewis and Clark Villages.

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The South Park-N-Ride shuttle service began in 1999 and gave 3,860 rides during its first year of operation.

This year so far, the South Park-N-Ride service has given nearly 200,000 rides and the year's total is projected to be at least 225,000.

“The success of the Park-N-Ride shuttle service proves that easy, convenient transit is a viable option,” said Nancy Wilson, director of the Associated Students of The University of Montana Office of Transportation. “You can see the effects of the service on campus with less congestion, and parking spots are still available at 11 a.m. – something that was unheard of five years ago.”

Route maps for all UM shuttle services are online at <http://www.umt.edu/asum/ot>. Those who want help planning their trips to campus may call the ASUM Office of Transportation at 243-4599.

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